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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PINT, SU
SUBJECT: BOEING BRIBERY CASE

REF: A. STATE 172845, B. KHARTOUM 2258

1. DCM MET JULY 27 WITH PROSECUTOR GENERAL OMER AL-MARDI AND UNDERSECRETARY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS SAYED ALI AND BRIEFED THEM ON CONTENTS REF A. IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WAS STRESSED. ON BASIS CONVERSATION, AS WELL AS OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SUDANGOV ON SENSITIVE MATTERS, EMBASSY DOUBTS BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY WILL BE PROBLEM HERE. NOTING THAT IN OTHER COUNTRIES, PARLIAMENTARY BODIES SOMETIMES SEEK CONFIDENTIAL INFO, DCM ASKED WHETHER SUCH PROBLEMS COULD ARISE HERE. MARDI SAID PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY HAS PERMANENT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WITH GENERAL AUTHORITY SUBPEONA GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS OR CALL OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY, BUT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS AGENCY SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM HAVING TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, PARLIAMENTARY ATTEMPTS OBTAIN AND PUBLICIZE CONFIDENTIAL INFO WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PROBLEM HERE.

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2. MARDI, WHO WILL LEAD SUDANGOV INVESTIGATION, SAID HE COULD NOT RPT YET SAY WHETHER ATTORNEY GENERAL HIMSELF WILL BE ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, MARDI WILL GO WITH AUTHORITY SIGN AGREEMENT. HE INDICATED SUDANGOV PROBABLY WILL WANT AL-FATTAH SHAZELI OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STAFF TO BE PART OF GROUP IN US. SHAZELI PRESENTLY ATTENDING SPECIAL COURSE ON NEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS AT

GEORGETOWN AND THEREFORE IS ALREADY IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, SUDANGOV WILL PROBABLY WANT CHAIRMAN SUDAN AIRWAYS DR. ABD AL-WAHAB ABD AL-RAHIM TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL. HE BECAME CHAIRMAN LAST YEAR LONG AFTER BOEING SALE WAS CONCLUDED AND HAS PARTICIPATED FULLY IN SUDANGOV INVESTIGATIONS HERE. HE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE BOUND BY REQUIREMENTS CITED IN REF A. WE AGREED ON SEPTEMBER 21-23 AS DATES NEGOTIATIONS AT DOJ.

3. MARDI NOTED THAT HE HAS FULL AUTHORITY CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. WHETHER SUDANGOV WILL DECIDE PROSECUTE DEPENDS ON OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATIONS. IN THAT CONNECTION HE ASKED WHETHER DOJ HAD ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE FOR SUDANGOV TO REVIEW CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN US. HE ALSO ASKED AGAIN ABOUT WHETHER CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SUDANGOV INVESTIGATORS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA 3 IF POSSIBLE. BERGUS

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